

HEALTH BENEFITS E-NEWS

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It's Flu Season Once Again!

State plan members may again receive free flu shots this year at pharmacies participating in their health plan's network. COVA Care, COVA HDHP and COVA HealthAware members also may receive flu shots at no cost from network physicians' offices and other participating providers. Kaiser Permanente HMO members must go to a participating Kaiser medical center.

Visit www.dhrm.virginia.gov to find participating providers, questions and answers on each plan and a flier to distribute to employees. It is important that plan members call ahead to be sure the pharmacy is participating in the program and flu shots are available. An appointment may be required.

A pharmacy must file in-network flu shot claims through its online system. If plan members are denied coverage for the flu shot, they should ask the pharmacist to call the telephone number on the back of their ID card. COVA Care and COVA HDHP ID cards have a Pharmacy Questions number, and COVA HealthAware cards show the Aetna Health Concierge number.

While you may receive a flu shot at a non-network pharmacy, coverage will be at the out-of-network benefit level. This means you will likely have to file the claim yourself and be balance billed for costs over the allowable charge.

See the attached flu shot guidelines for agencies that wish to coordinate flu shots onsite with participating pharmacies. Again, be sure that the pharmacy is participating in the Commonwealth's program before scheduling a clinic.

Capitol Square Healthcare in Richmond Will Offer Flu Shots

As part of the Commonwealth's flu shot program, Capitol Square Healthcare will provide flu shots **to state employees only**. Appointments can be made at www.capitolsquarehealthcare.com. Walk-ins are accepted at the clinic in the James Monroe Building. COVA Care and COVA HealthAware members will pay \$15 for the visit and receive a flu shot at no cost. Other plan members, wage employees and those without state health coverage will pay \$75 for the visit along with the actual cost of the vaccine.

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